















## OUR NEIGHBORS.

Compton.

COMPTON, Jan. 16.—[Correspondence of THE TIMES.] Now, that the rain is apparently entirely over, at least for the present, we are being favored with splendid weather again. During the past few weeks rain has fallen here to the depth of about three inches, enough to insure good crops for the coming year.

The "song" of the hammer is heard early in the morning about Compton. Mr. McConnell's residence is rapidly becoming sizable property.

The new blacksmith shop has had an additional apartment added to it.

Other work in this line is steadily going on.

Rev. Mr. Van Cleave occupied the M. E. Church pulpit on the 8th inst., in place of the regular pastor, Dr. Goodwin. Mr. Clegg occupied the same pulpit on Sabbath morning, when he preached a stirring old-fashioned temperance sermon.

The Mechanics' Union of this place gave a banquet on the evening of the 8th inst. Owing to the rain the attendance was not so large as would otherwise have been. Some 70 or 100 persons were out, however, and all in a good temper. Prizes were awarded to the laziest man, to the handsomest young lady and to the homeliest young man in this community.

A pleasant surprise party was given on the evening of January 11th, at the residence of Dr. Whaley, by the many friends of the genial doctor. Mr. Whaley is soon going to remove to Glendale, where he has had a dwelling built lately.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Iantha O. Rea of Compton to Mr. George S. Haycraft, also of this vicinity, which took place December 25, 1887, at Fort Worth, M. E. Church, Los Angeles. Rev. Mr. Canine officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Haycraft have gone to dwell in the N. C. B.

Miss Emma Norton of Ventura county was wedded to Mr. William Palmer of Compton, January 2d. The couple will take up their residence here.

The members of Shiloh Post, G. A. R., organized and instituted a Woman's Relief Corps of 22 members at their last meeting, January 13th.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. A. Stuart, which occurred at his home, January 4th. Mr. Stuart had been a sufferer from consumption for seven years. His wife, two children and his young brother have the sympathy of the entire community in their greatest bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tretthay have returned from Santa Barbara, where they had been spending the holidays.

Last week one of the section employees here sustained rather severe injuries from a fall which he received on the railroad track. Dr. McFarland is attending him.

The Comptonians were greatly pleased with the Annual Trade Number of THE TIMES. Many copies of that Annual Trade Number were sent from this place to do "missionary" work.

G. GILBERT.

The Willow.

THE WILLOWS, Jan. 18.—[Correspondence of THE TIMES.] Tramps and sneak-thieves seem to be having a booming time of it, as well as land agents. Mr. Richardson stepped into a neighbor's, and, while he was out, some person or persons took upon themselves the duty of walking off with a pair of shoes, but nothing else, as they were doubtless frightened away. It is getting quite dangerous to be out.

Land is still on the rise. Mr. Spencer sold his fine ranch of 40 acres for \$10,000 an acre.

Martin Bros. have erected a fine dwelling on their ranch, which adds much to the beauty of the colony. It looks suspicious, as they are painting and fixing up to a T, but still, we have not seen the bird that is to go in the fine cage.

During the recent rainstorms no houses were blown down, nor any damage done.

The farmers are busy plowing, and are happy, as they anticipate a fine year for crops of all kinds.

Mr. Loffer of Oregon has purchased Mr. Lewis's property of 20 acres for \$10,000 an acre.

Mr. S. Simmons of Norfolk has moved on the Moes ranch.

Mr. J. M. Thompson has sold his ranch of seven acres for \$1,500, and moved to Westminster. His place was sold to Miss Sarah Butler, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

BEFORE.

Orange and Vicinity.

ORANGE, Jan. 18.—[Correspondence of THE TIMES.] Many fruit men are pleased with the cold wave, as they think it will kill the scalebugs, while nothing else will be seriously injured.

Tramps and sneak-thieves have at length found our little paradise, and are trying to turn it into a pandemonium.

All our churches have such congregations that those which have not already enlarged their houses of worship are talking of doing so.

The surprise party given to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Saturday evening was a very pleasant affair, and heartily enjoyed by all.

Mr. May Wood, who is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, is a little improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bassett have rented their house and furniture here, and will make a home at Pomona for a time.

Henry Hockenberry has opened a shop between Orange and Santa Ana, near the cemetery, and proposes to help to furnish this valley with "the staff of life."

McPherson is to have its first big auction sale of town lots January 24th. The street car track and bridge are now in first-class order, and the patient people are waiting for a chance to get ready to take a few car rides.

Miss Eva Kenney of Santa Paula is a guest of the Foster family for a few days.

The Catch of the Salmon.

London Word.

Over 1,000,000 pounds of salmon, I am told, have reached Billingsgate in Scotland during the last four weeks, but the supply will now be largely diminished, as "close time" is already commenced on the River Tay, which is the most productive salmon stream of Scotland, and yields rental of over \$100,000 a day to the owners of its fisheries. Salmon fishing has not proved so successful this year as in the three preceding seasons. Angling has been poor throughout, and, as a consequence of the great drought, the volume of water in the rivers has been greatly reduced, the lessers of the comical fisheries in most streams have suffered from the salmon not being able to ascend. Some of the tacksman of

the lower Tay fishings have, however, had good hauls. Not very many large salmon have taken this year, a few weighing from 50 pounds to a little over that weight, have, however, been caught; nor has the bulk of the fish captured in the nets (grills excepted) much exceeded an average of 20 pounds. It is not, I think, generally known that the value of the Irish salmon fisheries exceeds the estimated values of the salmon fisheries of Scotland and England.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

K. of L. on the Tailors' Strike.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—(To the Editor of THE TIMES.) We, the undersigned, having read an article in your issue of THE TIMES, headed, "The Other Side," which contains statements by the firms of McConnell & Co., and Jacob Will & Co., merchant tailors, relative to the trouble which now exists in working against its best interests.

This organization, we protest, and this assembly of K. of L., we are constrained to lay before the readers of your able journal this first public statement of our difficulty. In doing so, we will endeavor to give such a truthful, fair and impartial explanation as becomes a dignified body of workmen.

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